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SUBJECT: KUWAIT FEBRUARY OIL PRODUCTION STATISTICS

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1. TOTAL KUWAITI CRUDE PRODUCTION IN FEBRUARY WAS SIGNIFI-
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CANTLY BELOW 1974 LEVELS, BUT DAILY RATE OF PRODUCTION WAS

SLIGHTLY HIGHER THAN PREVIOUS MONTH. TOTAL CRUDE PRODUCTION IN FEBRUARY WAS 60,278,875 BARRELS, 24.18 PERCENT BELOW FEBRUARY 1974 WHEN SOME 79.5 MILLION BARRELS WERE PRODUCED. FEBRUARY'S DAILY AVERAGE PRODUCTION OF 2.15 MILLION BPD, HOWEVER, WAS SLIGHTLY HIGHER THAN THE 2.03 MILLION BPD RATE MAINTAINED IN JANUARY (REFTEL).

2. KUWAIT OIL COMPANY ACCOUNTED FOR 54,178,646 BARRELS OF PRODUCTION WHILE AMINOIL AND THE KUWAIT SHARE OF ARABIAN OIL COMPANY COMBINED PRODUCTION CAME TO 6.1 MILLION BARRELS, OR 218,000 BPD OF WHICH ABOUT 80,000 BPD IS THOUGHT TO BE THE AMINOIL RATE. COMPARED TO 1974, KOC'S PRODUCTION THIS YEAR WAS DOWN A LITTLE MORE THAN 25 PERCENT AND AOC PRODUCTION WAS DOWN EVEN MORE, BY 28 PERCENT. IN CONTRAST AMINOIL'S PRODUCTION WAS 35.5 PERCENT ABOVE ITS FEBRUARY 1974 LEVEL.

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3. LARGEST IMPORTERS OF CRUDE FROM KOC WERE: JAPAN (11.6 MILLION BARRELS), UK (5.2 MILLION), FRANCE (4.5 MILLION), NETHERLANDS (3.6 MILLION) AND SOUTH KOREA (3.3 MILLION). A LITTLE OVER 200,000 BARRELS WERE SHIPPED TO US, FIRST KUWAITI CRUDE EXPORTED TO US IN SEVERAL MONTHS.
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